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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kenro NAKAMURA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1765
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Application No.: 09/453,831) Examiner: Umez-Eronini, Lynette T.
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Filed: December 2, 1999)
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For: POLISHING METHOD AND)
POLISHING LIQUID)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the December 12, 2002 Office Action, with a period for response extending through March 12, 2003, Applicants amend the application as follows, and request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 17 and 22, and add new claims 23 – 26 as follows:

17. (Twice Amended) A polishing method comprising:

preparing a first polishing liquid containing tetravalent cerium ions in a first concentration;

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